

SAHNOAN STAR

Stand Not Between Me and the Sun

Latest Improvements at Star Ranch

Pickleball Courts—
that’s right, courts.
There now two courts
on which to enjoy the
fasting growing sport
in America.



NEW!

Handicapped parking at Tara Hall—room for two cars...

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St. Patrick's Day

Finally, Valentine's Day and Mardi Gras didn't interfere with the celebration of St. Patrick's Day at the Ranch. Thanks again to Derek's wonderful gift, the Hall was decorated, the tables were covered and the revelers were all decked out in as much finery for the occasion as they desired.

Have you ever seen so much food? The cooks outdid themselves, as, once again, we ran out of space on the buffet. Love cabbage, love potatoes, love corned beef, loved it all! Seconds? No problem. What a feast! And the Hall was packed yet again...

After a short break and some table-clearing, DJ Mike Love then cranked up the sound system for an all-request dance. The crowd knew what they wanted and partied until only a few brave souls were left hanging on. Not a drop of green beer was left and not a shamrock went unturned, as St. Patrick was celebrated in fine fashion!

Slán leat!



And they're off!

A record number of racers entered the check-in for this year's 27th Bare Buns 5K Fun Run. 205 entrants for the day. 175 actual runners. 9 dropped out, resulting in 166 finishers.

It was a beautiful day for a race. Temperatures in the 70s. Generally, overcast skies alternated with fluffy clouds. A few brave souls ventured into the pool for a little water volleyball. A larger crowd joined Mike K. for sand volleyball later that day.

The first racer crossed the line at 21:18. The first woman finished at 31:32.

The racers were greeted with much pageantry...parking being a premium.

Thanks to the many Star Ranch volunteers, all functions went off without a hitch: check-in, parking, start, flaggers, water stations, finish line, pool music, refreshments, awards and food.

Rick Walls, ANNR-SW Race Coordinator commented that, "It was a great experience!"

On to the Chilly Cheeks!!!

From The President:

Great things are happening at Star Ranch!! With the annual Shareholder's meeting coming up later this month, I thought it might be a good time to pause for a moment and celebrate everything we've accomplished by working together over these past many months. I'll try to hit just some of the highlights.

-Two new professional-quality pickleball courts are complete and ready for play! And, best of all, this project was financed 100% by member donations!! Permanent fencing will soon follow.

-Two new handicapped parking spaces at Tara Hall for our disabled members and visitors. Again, 100% financed by our generous members!

-Our new treasurer along with our G.M. have our books in the best shape they've ever been! This means we can be confident in the financial health of the ranch and can share meaningful reports at each board meeting. This will also allow us to do more accurate budgeting.

-We've significantly reduced our debt! The office building is paid off, the line of credit is paid off and the last remaining consolidation loan, which was once over \$250,000, is now well less than \$50,000!

-We're sprucing things up! We've completed a refresh of Cabins 1, 2, and 5. Visitor feedback has been very positive! Plus, we've demolished 2 abandoned mobile homes that were eyesores.

-All site holders now have new, attorney-approved leases which help protect both members and the Ranch.

-The indoor pool and hot tub are up and running after we had some unexpected foundation issues in Tara Hall. But we were able to do the repairs without incurring any debt.

-We've contracted with a professional pool service company to keep all our pools crystal clear while saving a significant amount of money on pool chemicals.

-StarCast, the official podcast for Star Ranch has over 16,000 downloads. People all over Texas, all over the U.S., and all over the world are hearing about Star Ranch! Great publicity!

-We've expanded our maintenance crew to keep the grounds looking great! Plus, our house-keeping staff is keeping our rental cabins and rooms clean and inviting for guests.

-Our office staff has been busy organizing and streamlining operations for an even better customer service experience. The office was recently painted and our Star Store is stocked with an expanded line of cool items!

-We're setting records for the number of runners in our two annual 5K races. Plus, we've contracted with a new affordable timing service for fast, accurate results which runners love!

-Star Ranch is now a certified Firewise community with special recognition from the Texas A&M Forest Service for managing our wildfire risk.

-We are constructing a new, higher tower for our fire horns to help more of the ranch hear any alerts. Plus, we now offer a free opt-in service for emergency text alerts.

-The 50-amp electrical service upgrade in The Pines is well underway. This will double the number of 50-amp RV sites which will help tremendously on busy weekends and prepare us

for future growth.

-We worked with our county commissioner to get Eely Road chip sealed for a smoother drive and far less dust!

-The Food Committee has been doing an outstanding job feeding us! We now offer more meals than ever! Plus, it's a significant source of revenue, especially on busy weekends!

With so much going on, I've undoubtedly missed a few things, but I wanted everyone to know how much you are appreciated, especially our amazing volunteers. I can't tell you how many times visitors have come up to me or to the office staff to let us know how much they are enjoying all the improvements. So, THANK YOU!!

Finally, I hope to see everyone at the Shareholders Meeting at 10am Saturday morning, April 27th. This year, we have two spots on the Board of Directors to fill. Thankfully, we have three wonderful, well-qualified candidates from which to choose. If you are a shareholder and can't be with us on the 27th, please return your proxy to the Star Ranch office in advance of the meeting by hand or by mail so that your voice can be heard.

The warmer weather is here! I'll see you around the pool and on the pickleball courts!

Crystal

STAR RANCH STRAW POLL

Saturday, April 6th—Tara Hall—10AM

From the Constitution—Article 2.1

To ensure proper communication is provided to the Council as to membership preferences in the voting of the 101 shares of stock owned by the Sahnoans, an all- members straw poll may be held up to three weeks prior to the annual stockholders meeting at which the following procedure will be followed:

All qualified members over the age of 18 will be presented a slate of known candidates. Additional candidates may be nominated by the membership during the meeting.

The candidates will give their testimonials of eligibility.

The floor will be opened for the membership to question those candidates present.

After hearing from the candidates, and asking the candidates questions, the members will vote by secret ballot for all open Board positions.

The results will be collected and counted by a three-person election committee chosen by the Council prior to the election.

See you there!

Board of Directors Candidate Bios

My name is Bart W.

I'm running for another term on the Board of Directors to contribute to the long-term success of Star Ranch.

In the last 2 years, some items of focus for me included:

Listen & actively participate in problem solving.

Contribute to larger projects with my experience in architecture, construction, project management.

Advocate for temporary fix to indoor pool, keeping costs low so good money doesn't go to bad.

Stress the importance of financial information for making good long-term decisions. Call for capital improvement project finances to be tracked separate from maintenance.

Promote the value of an annual budget and tracking financial performance.

Next term, I will:

Advocate for more votes to take place in open session.

Continue to make decisions that support a family environment.

Assist in visualizing and budgeting a new hall and spa.

Experience I have that will make me a good Board member includes owning a small business, and having served on a number of boards and commissions related to my profession.

Skills I would bring to the Board include an understanding of building facilities, an interest in building consensus, even-handed disposition, good listening, organization and drawings to help with building projects. As a Board member I would like to continue to work with others for more efficiency, brainstorm with members about the future of Star, and put in the planning and due diligence to make those future visions a reality. I would like to help prioritize investments that can be made in Ranch assets, like buildings, for long term financial well-being. Working together, great things can be accomplished to build on the current success of the Ranch.

Vote for Bart!

Board of Directors Candidate Bios

Hello everyone my name is Jean Marx. I would like to tell you about myself:

1982 Worked for the RRISD in the administration office, then was a substitute teacher

1984 worked in the Round Rock tax office as secretary to the Chief appraiser

1985 RRISD Chief appraiser transferred to the Williamson County Appraisal District as the Chief Appraiser and I followed him to work for Williamson County in the abstract of title department researching deeds. I then went to the mapping department.

1986 Finally I had completed all the classes required to be an appraiser. I continued in that department until June of 1989 when I left the district.

1990 My husband and I bought a domestic water well business which we ran for 24 years until we retired in June of 2014.

We spent 3 years traveling the coast fishing.

When we came to Star Ranch to live, I started working in housekeeping. At that time, that involved not only cleaning the cabins, but cleaning the hall and all the outlying bathrooms and bagging ice. When Ken was GM he asked me to help get the breakfasts started at the Nekkid Parrot. I talked to CM about cooking and she graciously said yes and thanks to all the wonderful volunteers, it was and still is a great success.

I am asking that you let me serve you again on the Board of Directors.

Thank you, Jean Marx

Board of Directors Candidate Bios

Bob Redoutey

Star Ranch Board of Directors Qualifications

Currently active with the Star Ranch Council

Gold Member for over 20 years

Nancy and I live at Star Ranch as full time Residents at G1

Retired from nearly 30 years in the High Tech Field

Have been part of the Naturist/Nudist Lifestyle since 1979

Current AANR and TNS Members. AANR-SW Director

Supply regular updates to AANR regarding Star Ranch Activities

Trustee to the Naturist Amateur Radio Club, promoting the Family Oriented Nudist Lifestyle to other Ham Radio Operators and Clubs throughout the world

Directly involved in the clean up of the ranch with a lot of the old trailers and cabins removed. Have helped in the re-roofing of the Slim Gym, remodeling of Cabin 5, as well as the building out of a member's Tiny Home.

I would like to see more clean up of Star Ranch. Maybe just a simple beautification of member lots/cabins, or a more advanced clean up of old buildings to help make **OUR** Resort look and be the best.

Happy to answer any questions at the Straw Poll on April 6th.

I look forward to your vote on April 27th

Bob R.

APRIL BIRTHDAY DINNER

WHEN: Friday, April 19, 2024

TIME: 6:00pm

WHERE: Roadhouse Paige

[Click here for directions from Star](#)



April, May, & June Birthdays

April	
4/1	San Juanita H
4/1	Randy S
4/3	April R
4/3	Alvin J. Jr G
4/4	Mark W
4/5	Phil C
4/12	Lucienne N
4/12	Pixie Mc
4/13	Fred H
4/14	Marta M
4/14	Nancy D
4/15	Ian W
4/18	John S
4/19	Betty N
4/27	Judith M
4/28	Dave W
4/28	Melissa S
4/29	Roy E
4/30	Len H
4/30	Charles N
4/30	Kat W

May	
5/2	Kelly E
5/3	Mike K
5/4	Robert B
5/6	Brenda B
5/9	Nestor S
5/9	Michelle G
5/10	Bart W
5/10	Mary L
5/11	Ronald C
5/17	Linda B
5/18	Rick C
5/18	Charles L
5/18	Ivan Mc
5/19	Patrick T
5/20	Daniel T
5/21	Melanie S
5/24	Ruben J
5/26	David O
5/27	Dave M
5/30	Linda Mc

June	
6/1	Sandi S
6/1	Nathan B
6/1	Larry T
6/2	Anthony M
6/3	Deborah V
6/5	Juan H
6/7	Tara V
6/8	June F
6/8	Sylvia G
6/8	Timothy R
6/9	Destin S
6/12	Deborah J
6/18	Sonia T
6/19	Marietta D
6/20	David T
6/21	Kelly R
6/23	Jody J
6/27	Gail P
6/28	Stephen T
6/28	Chris A

UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

[Click Here For Online Calendars](#)

Wednesday, April 3
12:00pm Fire Siren & Horn Tests

Friday, April 5
2024 SOLAR ECLIPSE WEEKEND
7:00pm Meet & Greet

Saturday, April 6

2024 SOLAR ECLIPSE WEEKEND

8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nek-kid Parrot	10:00am Annual Straw Poll voting
12:00pm Water Volleyball	3:00pm Washers
6:00pm Cornhole	7:00pm Sand Volleyball
8:00pm DJ John at the pool	

Sunday, April 7

2024 SOLAR ECLIPSE WEEKEND

8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nek-kid Parrot	12:00pm Water Volleyball
3:00pm Washers	6:00pm Cornhole
7:00pm Sand Volleyball	8:00pm DJ at the pool

Monday, April 8
2024 SOLAR ECLIPSE WEEKEND

Friday, April 12
7:00pm Meet & Greet

Saturday, April 13

8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot	10:00am Sahnian Council Meeting
1:00pm Disc Golf and Snacks	8:00pm KARAOKE!!

Sunday, April 14
8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot

Friday, April 19
6:00pm Birthdays Dinner
7:00pm Meet & Greet

Saturday, April 20
8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot
10:00am COG Board of Directors
5:00pm Decks and Toddies

Sunday, April 21
8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot

Friday, April 26
7:00pm Meet & Greet

Saturday, April 27

Annual Shareholder's Meeting

8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot
10:00am Shareholder's Meeting

Sunday, April 28

8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot

Wednesday, May 1

12:00pm Fire Siren & Horn Tests

Friday, May 3

7:00pm Meet & Greet

Saturday, May 4

KENTUCKY DERBY

8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot

2:00pm Drink Contest

2:00pm Snacks @ the pool

3:00pm Hat Contest

4:30pm 150th Running

Sunday, May 5

8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot

Friday, May 10

7:00pm Meet & Greet

Saturday, May 11

8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot
10:00am Sahnnoan Council Meeting
2:00pm Snacks @ the pool

Sunday, May 12

MOTHER'S DAY

8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot

Friday, May 17

6:00pm Birthdays Dinner
7:00pm Meet & Greet

Saturday, May 18

8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot
10:00am COG Board of Directors
2:00pm Snacks @ the pool

Sunday, May 19

8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot

Friday, May 24

7:00pm Meet & Greet

Office returning to Regular Hours

9am to 5pm, 7 days a week



Saturday, May 25	
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND GARAGE SALE	
8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot	10:00am Petanque
12:00pm Water Volleyball	2:00pm Snacks @ the pool
4:00pm Washers	6:00pm Sand Volleyball
8:00pm DANCING @ the pool!	

Sunday, May 26	
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND	
8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot	10:00am Pickleball
12:00pm Water Volleyball	4:00pm Cornhole Contest
6:00pm Sand Volleyball	8:00pm DJ Dance @ the Pavilion

Monday, May 27

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Friday, May 31
7:00pm Meet & Greet



*Remember -
our fallen heros.
They are the reason
that we are free.*

Listen to "StarCast", the Official Podcast of the Star Ranch Nudist Club on these podcast platforms



This & That

STAR RANCH FIREWISE INVESTMENT UPDATE:

Investing in local Firewise actions proves that our community takes wildfire safety seriously. The minimum of \$2 per capita may seem like a big goal for a small community, but Star Ranch has no trouble meeting or exceeding that amount of investment every year, and we're on track to easily re-certify for 2025.

Total Investment for 2024

[View investments to date](#)

Investment Met

Total:	Required:
\$5,437.80 of \$3,180	
Per Dwelling Unit:	Required:
\$54.38 of \$31.80	

Protect Your Home

7 Ways Residents Can Reduce the Risk that their Homes & Property Will Become Fuel for a Wildfire

- Clear**
Clear off pine needles, dead leaves & anything that can burn from your rooflines, gutters, decks, porches, patios & along fence lines. Falling embers will have nothing to burn.
- Store Away**
Store away furniture cushions, rattan mats, potted plants & other decorations from decks, porches & patios. These items catch embers and help ignite your home if you leave them outside.
- Screen & Seal**
Wind-borne embers can get into homes easily through vents & other openings and burn the home from the inside out. Walk around your house to see what openings you can screen or temporarily seal up.
- Rake**
Embers landing in mulch that touches your house, deck or fence is a big fire hazard. Rake out any landscaping mulch to at least five feet away.
- Trim**
Trim back any shrubs or tree branches that come closer than 5 feet to the house and attachments, and any overhanging branches.
- Remove**
Walk around your house and remove anything within 30 feet that could burn, such as woodpiles, spare lumber, vehicles and boats - anything that can act as a large fuel source.
- Close**
If ordered to evacuate, make sure all windows & doors are closed tightly, and seal up any pet doors. Many homes are destroyed by embers entering these openings and burning the house from the inside out.

NFPA NFPA has many more tips and safety recommendations on its websites, including www.firewise.org.

WELCOME
new members

Shelly L



Mark's Musings

I was reminded recently about the trust at Star Ranch. If you think about who and what we are, we do a great job of respecting each other. I am not referring to the habit we all share of not asking prying questions. Instead, I am speaking of the comfort level we provide for each other.

A member decided to have a few drinks after the 5K last weekend. This is not the norm as this person rarely drinks. Having finished the 5K they were feeling a sense of accomplishment and wanted to celebrate. Think about that for a minute. This person didn't go home and drink, didn't drive to town and drink, they decided to drink at Star Ranch with the Ranch Family. They felt safe and secure to step outside the norm for just a bit. Thank you, Ranch family, for providing such a setting.

The trust afforded members is not limited to alcohol. Several members have enjoyed singing Karaoke at Star Ranch. A member recently brought a friend out for the first time. The Star Ranch ladies found out this lady was a singer and immediately engaged in an "all girls" song. The guest jumped up to join and sang Hotel California solo shortly after. The same guest has been back multiple times and seems to really enjoy our utopia. It always impresses me to see newbies embrace our family.

On a personal level, I have an example of respect. My drive into our place takes me right past Bruce's place. What do I see as I drive by Friday night? A new propane tank. Without hesitation at breakfast on Saturday, Bruce shared the details of his purchase. I mentioned to Bruce that I was not willing to make such an investment so he suggested I visit with Fred who is leasing his tank. Much like Bruce, Fred shared all the details of his set up. I am now scheduled to receive a tank like Fred's. No bologna, no secrets, just open and honest communication. Nothing shows respect in my mind like the truth.

Thank you, Star Ranch,

Mark S

Classifieds

2023 Suzuki Boulevard C50T

Cruiser was purchased spring of 2023 and it has been converted to a trike with a Voyager kit. Trike has been updated with Mustang seats. Total miles 211.

Clear title.

Asking \$14,000 obo

Contact Pixie 515-238-8916



**The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for
Saturday, April 20, @ 10am @ Tara Hall**



**2012 Open Range 5th Wheel Travel Trailer
Good condition. 3 slides, 36 ft long. Extras.
Currently parked at Star Ranch Q3. \$17,500.**

**Brenda B - 231-590-3974
Bill B - 231-920-6168**

**To view trailer or any questions contact Bob R -
512-423-8394**



C.O.G. Board of Directors

President Crystal W
Vice President Ronnie B
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Jean M
Bart W
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Deborah V
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CM J
Mike W & Jennifer M
John M
Pete T & David McG
Mike & Linda G

Star Ranch Staff

General Manager Linda McC
Front Office Melissa S
Maintenance Mike M
Bruce R
Tim V
Housekeeping Moe V

Thoughts

And

Prayers

Classified Ads

The Board recently approved the reinstatement of ads in the Sahnoan Star, our monthly newsletter.

Please send your finished ad as a .jpeg file to Jennifer at jkm8765@gmail.com

Ad rates are as follows:

Full page ad—\$80

1/2 page ad—\$60

1/4 page ad—\$40

Business card ad—\$25

The Sahnoans at Star Ranch is a family-oriented nudist community/club that has been in operation since 1957. Dedicated to maintaining a wholesome and safe environment for the enjoyment of nudist activities, the Club is a member in good standing of the American Association for Nude Recreation (AANR) and AANR-Southwest. You have received this Newsletter because your are either a member of the club or you have opted-in on our website. Please let us know if you do not wish to receive future editions.

**The next Council meeting
is scheduled for
Saturday, April 13,
at 10:00am @ Tara Hall**

STAR RANCH



McDade, Texas

Note from the Editor

Deadline for newsletter submissions is the 25th of each month. If you have an idea or submission for the newsletter, please email me at jkm8765@gmail.com. Jennifer M.

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